

## By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has developed an online training program for all executive branch employees to aid in the defense of keeping malicious viruses, spam, malware and other harmful threats out of the state network system; and

WHEREAS, technology plays a vital role in the daily lives of citizens in their interactions with schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy infrastructure, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, internet users, and the information infrastructure they use, face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to help all citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, this campaign will take state employees step-by-step through various scenarios of using email safely, protecting data, ensuring physical security, regulatory compliance and more; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial, and tribal government enhance cyber security; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the Connecticut information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, October 2014 marks the 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in cooperation with the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center; encouraging all citizens to learn about cyber security and to put that knowledge to practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.

GOVERNOR